

T-589

Alfred H. Hambleton House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1873

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-589

Magi No. 2105895504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Alfred H. Hambleton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North Talbot Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name E. F. Mosner

street & number 211 North Talbot Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD. 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 553

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 67

city, town Easton state MD. 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Alfred H. Hambleton house stands on the west side of North Talbot Street at the northern end of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay brick house faces east with its principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1873, the two-story, side hall-double pile brick house is supported by an unexcavated brick foundation and covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The eaves are extended and the soffits are sloped. Attached to the back (west) is a single-story, one-room plan kitchen wing. The brick walls are consistently laid in seven-course common bond.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a entrance marking the south bay. A heavily molded four-panel door is topped by two-light transom. Filling the two adjacent bays are two-over-two sash windows flanked with louvered shutters. Each opening is distinguished by a jack arch. The second floor is pierced by three openings. A center, closed-over door is flanked by two-over-two sash windows. A two-story chamfered post porch with sawn balusters formerly covered the entire front of this house, and four soldier bricks fill the holes where the second floor joints were once tied into the house. A late nineteenth-century photograph documents the exact appearance of the house with the porch.

The north (side) elevation is marked by an asymmetrical fenestration with a pair of two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Jack arches top the four windows. A smaller two-over-two window with a wooden lintel lights the attic between the pair of brick chimneys that protrude the roof. The brick stacks are finished with corbelled caps.

The west (back) wall of the house is partially covered by the single-story one-room kitchen wing. The brick kitchen is lighted by six-over-six sash windows on the north and south walls, and a partially glazed door pierces the west wall to the south of the interior end brick stove stack. Like the house, the windows are flanked by louvered shutters. South of the kitchen, a four-panel door provides access to the back of the main block. A two-over-two sash window lights the second floor.

The south gable end is marked by single two-over-two windows on each floor. Like the north end, brick jack arches mark the first and second floor windows and a wooden lintel tops the attic light.

The first and second floor interiors have been slightly modified, but a large percentage of the original, and at the same time, unconventional woodwork remains in place. The front room is distinguished by a period stair which rises against the south wall and a plain post-and-lintel mantel which accents the hearth. The stair has a turned newel post, turned balusters, a plain stringer, and an oval-profile handrail.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

Separating the two rooms is a partition with a large door opening. The rear room is fitted with the same nineteenth-century style mantel, and a two-panel door opens into the stair closet in the southwest corner of the room. The kitchen is finished in an ordinary manner without noteworthy detail.

The second room is divided into three rooms that open off a small hall. At the top of the stair a railing of decorative sawn balusters stretches between the attic stair partition and a square newel post. Fitted into the west end of the second floor hall is an unusual closet with a board-and-battened partition and a four-panel door. Four-panel doors open also into the three bedrooms which are finished plain baseboards. A simple mantel shelf is located in the back bedroom. The attic stair, aside from two steps exposed in the hall, is enclosed behind a two-panel door and a beaded board partition. A cast iron latch and drop-pintels survive on the attic door.

The attic is finished as well with plaster walls. Like the second floor, an unconventional sawn baluster handrail is located at the head of the stair. The baluster profile follows a different pattern from that found on the second floor or in the documentary photograph of the house. Knee walls on the east and west sides of the attic room are pierced by board doors framed by molded trim.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Alfred H. Hambleton house is a distinctive variation in the standard third quarter of the nineteenth century house of St. Michaels. Following a modified side hall-double pile plan, the common bond brick house is finished inside with a mixture of standard and unconventional mid to late nineteenth-century woodwork. The sawn baluster handrails on the second floor and in the attic are especially noteworthy as is the board-and-batten closet partition in the second floor hall. Overall, the interior have not been altered to any great degree, and aside from the loss of the -story porch, the exterior has remained largely intact as well. Efforts should be made to retain as much of the original interior woodwork as possible when this house faces remodeling.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Only a few families have owned this property since the brick house was erected around 1873. In that year, Alfred H. Hambleton purchased the lot from William and Priscilla Cooper, Joseph H. and Charlotte C. White and H. Clay and Martha H. Dodson for \$100 (79/328), and during the same year mortgaged the property with the Workingman's Building & Loan Association of St. Michaels for \$600.(79/423) It is presumed Hambleton used the \$600 to erect his two-story brick house. Alfred and his wife, Margaret, occupied the house until Alfred's death in February of 1914. After Margaret's purchase of the property at a court appointed sale in 1916 (174/452), she immediately sold the house to James C. Mulliken (174/453). More recently, the property was owned by R. Eugene and Margaret R. Rude, who bought the house in 1945 (262/54), and sold it in 1981 (553/67).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Historic St. Michaels

date 4/30/87

street & number

telephone

city or town St. Michaels

state MD. 21663

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

ALFRED H HAMBLETON HOUSE

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YEAR: 1981 VOL: 553 PAGE: 67

FROM: R. Eugene Rude and Margaret R. PRICE: \$16,000

TO: James E. Thomas and Leona W.

NOTES Begins at NE corner of Beatrice B. Watts runs W with Watts 112 feet; then N 63 feet to Robert L Palmer; then E with Palmer 112 feet to Talbot Street; then S with Talbot Street 57 feet to the beginning.

Conveyed to R. Eugene Rude and Margaret R. Rude by Charles S. Faulkner 1945, 262/54.

YEAR: 1945 VOL: 262 PAGE: 54

FROM: Charles S. Faulkner, widower PRICE:

TO: R. Eugene Rude and Margaret R. Rude

NOTES Begins 90 feet N of former Town Line. Runs 57 feet on Talbot Street; 160 feet W to an alley; along the alley, 65 feet. Bounded on N by Mrs. Josiah Thomas on S by R. Watson Meeds.

Conveyed to Charles S and Josiah Faulkner by James C. Mullikin 1918, 179/307. Josiah Faulkner died intestate leaving Charles S. as sole owner.

YEAR: 1918 VOL: 179 PAGE: 307

FROM: James C. Mullikin PRICE: \$1000

TO: Josiah Faulkner and Charles S. Faulkner

NOTES Same description as 1945, 262/54.

Conveyed to James C Mullikin by Margaret E. Hambleton 1916, 174/453. 1918, 179/308 is a mortgage by Faulkners for \$700.

YEAR: 1916 VOL: 174 PAGE: 453

FROM: Margaret E. Hambleton PRICE:

TO: James C. Mullikin

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Margaret E. Hambleton by James C. Mullikin, trustee 1916, 174/452.

YEAR: 1916 VOL: 174 PAGE: 452

FROM: James C. Mullikin, trustee PRICE: \$865

TO: Margaret E. Hambleton

NOTES Mullikin is court appointed trustee to sell property of Alfred H. Hambleton (Chancery Court Record 33/158, decree 12 June 1916, Margaret E. Hambleton vs Edward W. Hambleton). Alfred Hambleton's real estate consisted of a lot with a two-story brick building with a small store-room attached. Margaret was high-bidder at \$865. Alfred Hambleton died in February, 1914.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 423
FROM: Alfred H. Hambleton and M. E. Hambleton PRICE:
TO: Workingman's Building & Loan Assn. of St. Michaels
NOTES This is a mortgage for \$600 with the lot as security.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 422
FROM: Cooper - White - Dodson* PRICE: \$100
TO: Alfred H. Hambleton
NOTES *Full names of grantors are: William Cooper and Priscilla R. Cooper;
Joseph H. White and Charlotte C. White; H. Clay Dodson and Martha H. Dodson.
Begins at stone on Public Road 96 feet from NE corner of James Dennis; run
N 20 W 40 feet; then S 73 1/2 W 150 feet; then S 9 1/4 E 47 feet; then
N 71 1/2 E 158 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Cooper, White, and Dodson by Samuel Hambleton, Executor of John N.
Hambleton 1873, 79/328.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 328
FROM: Samuel Hambleton, extr. of John N. Hambleton PRICE: \$1395
TO: William Cooper, Joseph White, H. Clay Dodson
NOTES On W side of the Bayside Road. Begin at NE corner of James Dennis' lot;
run N 14 W 25 P; N 05 E 3 1/3 P; to Thomas Johnson; then N 08 1/2 W 39 P to
woodland; then N 04 E 26.5 P to Mrs. S. H. Dawson; then N 86 1/2 W 42.5 P to
John Ruth; then S 04 W 56 P to P. T. Hambleton; then S 86 1/2 E 90.5 P to the
beginning. 22 acres.

YEAR: 1870 VOL: 11 PAGE: 391
FROM: Will of John N. Hambleton, Jr. PRICE:
TO: Samuel Hambleton
NOTES The will, made in 1870, probated same year, leaves farm of "Martingham"
to nephew Samuel Hambleton. Sam, as executor, is to sell all other property to
pay off cash bequests which total more than \$100,000.

YEAR: 1851 VOL: 10 PAGE: 54 (Wills)
FROM: Samuel Hambleton PRICE:
TO: John N. Hambleton
NOTES Will made 1849. Leaves all to brother John who is also executor. Most
real estate is to be sold to pay several cash legacies. Samuel Hambleton was
Purser on Perry's ship at the Battle of Lake Erie.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 240

FROM: Robert Rolle Richardson PRICE: \$2808

TO: Samuel Hambleton

NOTES Part of "Beach", "Davenport", and "Elliott's Lot". Total 175 1/2 acres. Hambleton named the place "Perry Cabin Farm".

YEAR: 1780 VOL: 21 PAGE: 119

FROM: John Johning Hopkins PRICE: p8000 cm

TO: Robert R Richardson

NOTES Part of "Beach", "Davenport", and "Elliott's Lot" 133 1/4 a.
To John Johning Hopkins by Thomas Ashcroft 1771, 20/154.

"Beach" patented 1665 to John Hollingsworth - 50 acres.

"Davenport" patented 1677 to Humphrey Davenport - 200 acres.

"Elliott's Lot" patented 1695 to Edward Ellett (Elliott) - 276 acres

YEAR: 1771 VOL: 20 PAGE: 154

FROM: Thomas Ashcroft PRICE:

TO: John Johning Hopkins

NOTES Begins at a cedar at the end of "Long Cut Cove". Runs N 72 1/2 W 188 P to the SSW line of "Elliott's Lot"; then SSW 114 P to land formerly Edward Hopkins; with that line E x S 159 P to "Old House Cove"; with the water "up the gut" to the first tree. 119 acres.

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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Cakes, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds. Also Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Pens, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Stoves, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDADWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

EDDYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

RED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

ES B. HARRISON, Real Estate Agent and Collector of Claims.

SPARKS, Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

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JAMES SETH, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

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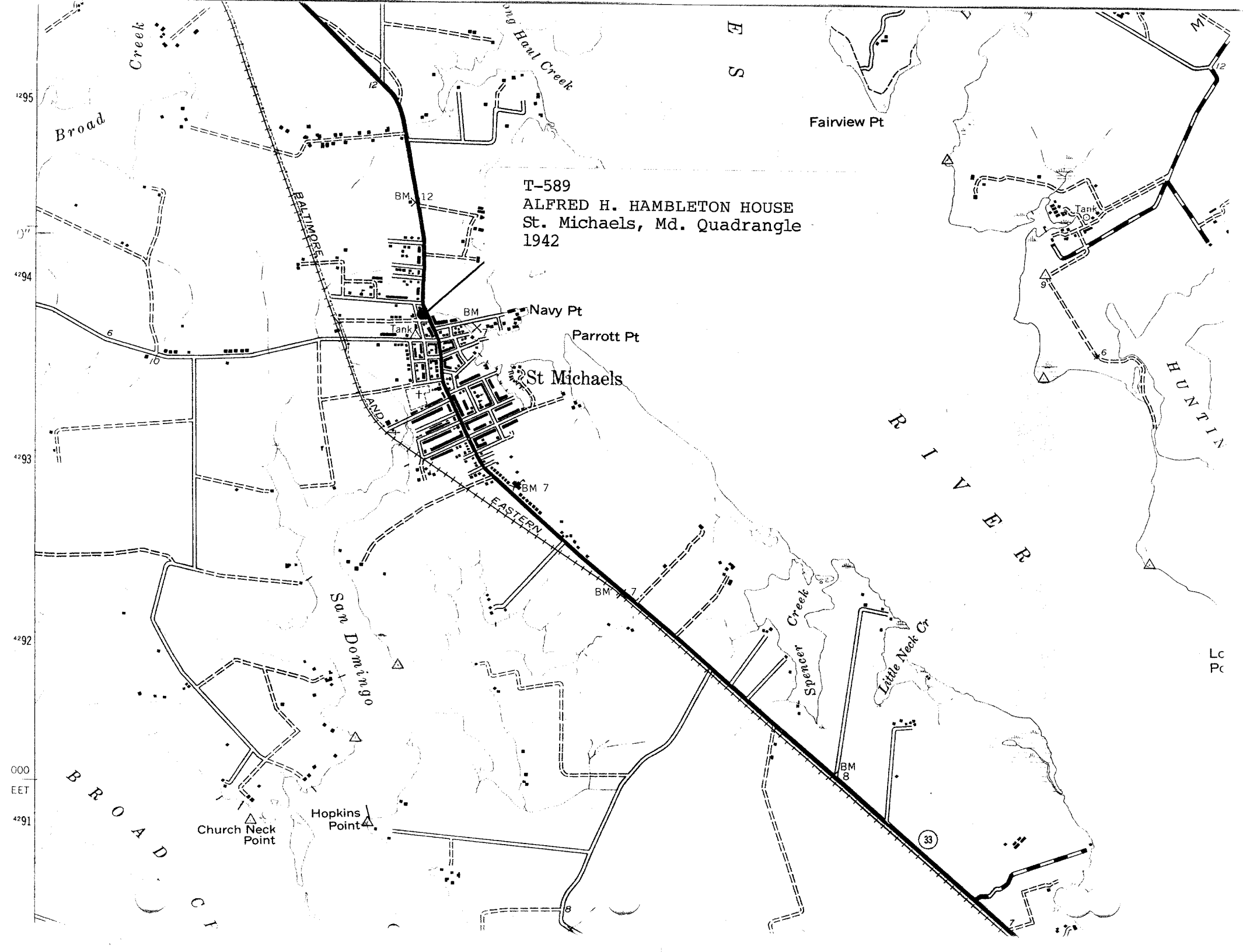
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St. MICHAELS, MD. TALBOT County
DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPH
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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

Southeast elevation

3/87, photographer, Paul Touart

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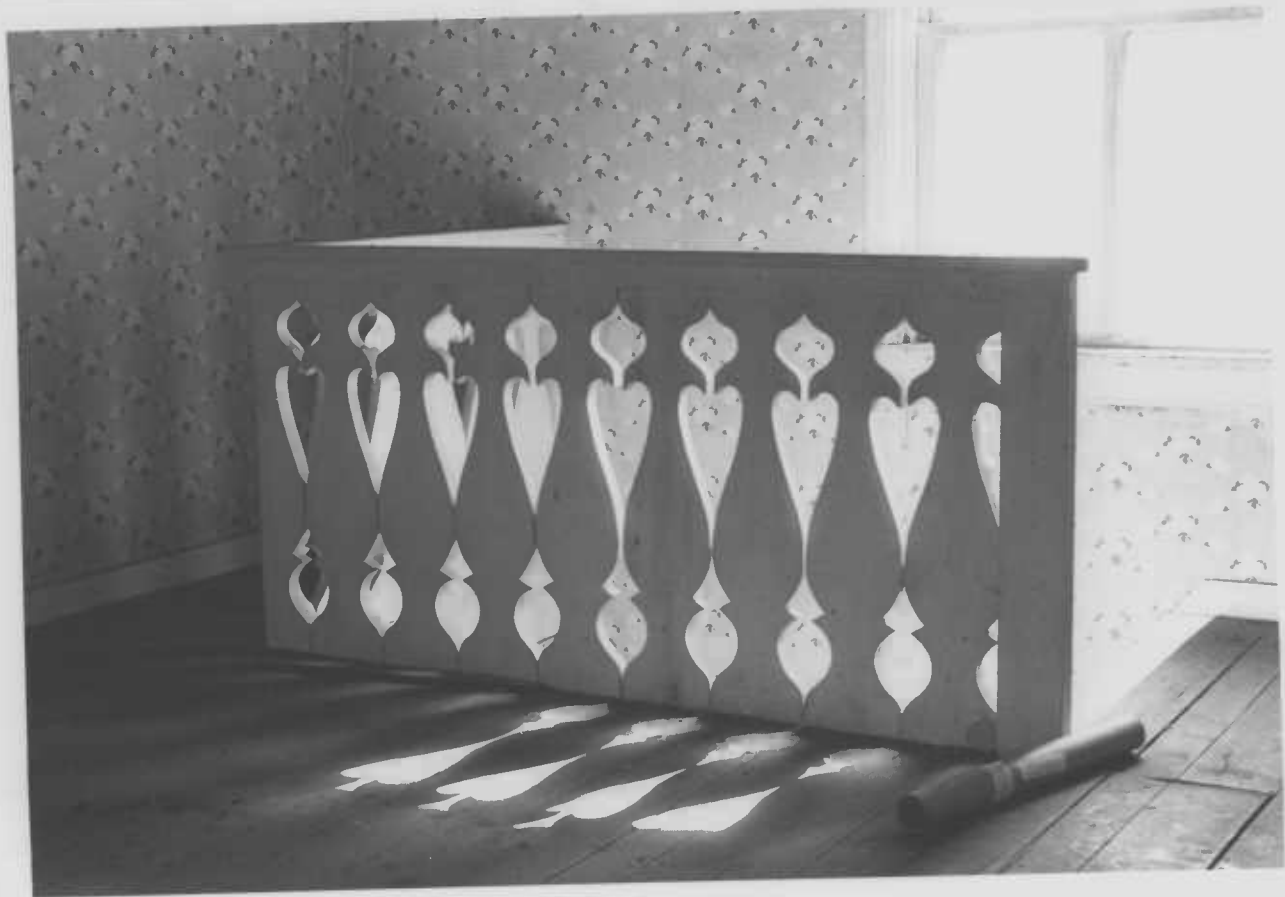
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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

Northwest elevation

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

Attic stair rail

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

Hall closet partition

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Stair

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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md.

Second floor stair railing

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Attic door

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